

RESPONSE

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 13-28 were pending at the time of the Restriction Requirement, with claims 1-12 having been canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application on September 23, 2005. Claims 23-28 have been canceled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer, as being drawn to a non-elected invention in view of the election of the Group I invention made below in response to the Restriction Requirement. Therefore, claims 13-22 are pending and presently under consideration in the case.

B. Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, *without traverse*, to prosecute the Group I invention, as exemplified by claims 13-22, drawn to a vaccine. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the Group II claims, or any other claims supported by the specification, in any continuing application.

C. Conclusion

Applicants believe this paper to be a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 24, 2008. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of this case in view of the above comments and amendments.

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Applicants' representative at (512) 536-3035.

Respectfully submitted,

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